Bhutanese Help to Bodo Militants

1005. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI B. L. PANWAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to sate :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Bhutan helping Bodo militants" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated the 17th April, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof :

(c) whether Government had taken up the issue with Bhutan, as urged by the Assam Government for search operations against Bodo militants in Bhutan; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Bhutan Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (d) The Government have seen the report. India's relations with Bhutan are cordial and we get their cooperation in such matters.

Espionage Activities of Officials of Pakistan High Commission

1006. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pakistani Espionage ring involving Officials of Pakistan High Commission has been busted by the security agencies and Inter Service Intelligence man arrested on 15th April, if so, the details thereof, and out-come of the invesigation, if any, conducted into the matter;

(b) whether Pakistan Government has been informed about the activities of the Pakistani employees arrested and whether his recall has been demanded;

(c) if so, what is Pakistan's response thereto; and results of investigation; and

(d) whether Government propose to streamline its existing measures for checking such cases in future and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) An official of the Pakistan High Commission and his Indian contact were apprehended by the Police on 16th April, 1992 in Delhi for suspected espionage activities. A case under Section 3/9 of Official Secrete Act, 1923 read with Section 120 and 120-B of IPC, has been registered.

(b) to (d) The Pakistan High Commission has been informed of this activity and recall of the Pakistani employee to Pakistan demanded. It would not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Escape of Criminals from R. K. Puram Police Lock up

1007. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two alleged killers out of five arrested in March, 1992 for clubbing to death 14 people during the last 15 months in Delhi escaped from R. K. Puram Police lock up on April 21; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have conducted an enquiry into the matter ; if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against the officials found guilty of negligence in their duties;

(c) whether the escapers have since been apprehended; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir. Two criminals, who had been arested in case FIR No. 32/92 under section 380/458 IPC registered at police station Vasant Vihar, Delhi escaped from R. K. Puram Police lock up on 21-4-92 at 2.20 AM by making a hole in the rear wall of Police Station lock up. A case FIR No. 231, dated 21-4-92 under section 223/224 IPC Police Station R. K. Puram was registered and investigation entrusted to Crime Branch.

(b) Yes, Sir. Enquiries were conducted by the Addl. C.P. (Southern Range), and five police officials were placed under suspension and the SHO transferred.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Among the measure taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents are :—

1. detailing of two sentries, one in front and one in the rear of the Police lock up;
2. Illumination of premises of the Police Stations; and
3. Night checking of lock ups by officers.

ULFA's Links with Foreign Powers

1008. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ULFA has links with some Foreign Powers; and

(b) if so, the names of these Foreign Powers and action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Reports indicate that ULFA has established camps/bases in Bangladesh and also in Myanmar. Although ULFA has no base in Pakistan, there is information to indicate that some ULFA cadre have been trained in that country.

The matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Visit of British Delegation to Punjab

1009. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a British Delegation led by Mr. Mark Lennox Boyd; Parliamentary Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, visited Punjab on the 6th March, 1992;

(b) whether Government's prior permission was obtained and by whom the delegation was invited;

(c) what was the purpose of the visit of the British delegation, with names of the places visited and persons to whom the delegation met; and

(d) whether Government have received any report about the discussions held by the delegation and if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No, Sir.

1010. [*Transferred to the 14th May, 1992.*]